Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 26 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 26 Dec 2020 at 02:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for extent of drier conditions in the east on Saturday. High confidence for cold and occasionally showery weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 26 Dec 2020: Very windy with heavy rain and summit blizzards. Driest in the northeast.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
High Likelihood

Storm force winds
High Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	80%	90%	70%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Weather: Extensive cloud across all ranges through the day. Persistent heavy rain, and blizzards above 900 metres, are expected across the west of the region in the morning. Roughly east of the A9 the morning will see some drier conditions, but rain and, with some heavy snow above 800 metres, will develop here through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some breaks northeast of Aviemore in the morning, otherwise low cloud down to 600 metres expected to be extensive throughout.

Visibility: Good in the morning in the east, otherwise rather poor in rain and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	49/62 W	53/69 SW	53/71 SW	50/67 SW	46/61 SW	34/47 SW	31/43 SW
900	48/58 SW	53/64 SW	55/69 SW	52/65 SW	48/60 SW	34/44 SW	30/39 SW
600	33/41 SW	36/46 SW	39/52 SW	36/49 SW	32/44 SW	24/34 SW	21/30 SW
300	14/31 SW	17/38 SW	21/44 SW	20/42 SW	17/37 SW	14/30 SW	12/27 SW
Glen	4/24 SW	7/32 SW	9/37 SW	9/36 SW	7/30 SW	6/24 SW	6/21 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-4/-15	-4/-14	-5/-15
900	0/-10	-0/-10	-0/-10	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-2/-11
600	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	1/-6	2/-6	1/-6	0/-7
300	4/-1	3/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	2/-3	1/-4
Glen	4/2	4/-0	4/0	4/0	3/-1	2/-2	1/-2
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	900m	800m	800m	600m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very hazardous winter conditions developing across most summits by afternoon. Gusts to 80 mph possible over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Weather: Some sunshine and occasional showers, these most likely across Rannoch Moor, Creag Meagaidh and the Monadhlaith. Some good spells of dry weather expected in the east including Cairngorm. Surfaces are expected to be icy following Saturday's rain at lower elevations.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds gusting to around 30 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%. Cloud lowering to 650 metres as showers pass by, otherwise summits mostly cloud free especially in the east.

Visibility: Generally very good with good air clarity.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to plus 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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